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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Docket No.
BAF-11802/29

In Re Application Of: Ferree

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Invention: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING DISC HERNIATION AND PREVENTING THE
EXTRUSION OF INTERBODY BONE GRAFT**

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of March 26, 2003 in the above-identified application.
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month ☒ Two months ☐ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

from: June 26, 2003 until: August 26, 2003
Date Date

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

☐ is enclosed.
☒ has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	22 -	20 =	2	x \$9.00	\$18.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2 -	3 =	0	x \$42.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$18.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$205.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$223.00

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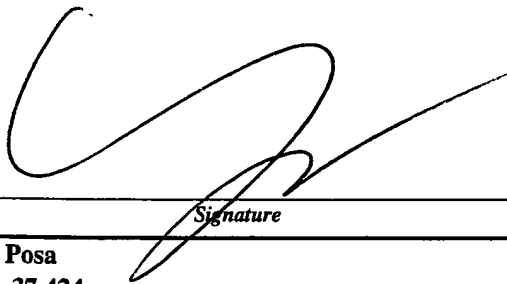
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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- ☐ A check in the amount of _____ for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. **07-1180** in the amount of **\$223.00**
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☐ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **07-1180** A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.



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Dated: **August 26, 2003**

I certify that this document and fee is being deposited
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